

today honor a fallen Marine from my district, Staff Sergeant Theodore "Sam" Holder II of Littleton. Sadly, Staff Sergeant Holder was killed in the line of duty during combat operations on Veterans Day in the Al Anbar Province of Iraq.

Staff Sergeant Holder was an Infantry Unit Leader with Company A, 1st Light Armored Recon, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 7, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force based in Camp Pendleton, California.

His unit was fighting terrorists in Fallujah. He was just 27 years old.

"Sam" was a graduate of Green Mountain High School in Lakewood, and served his country for 8 years with distinction including tours protecting American diplomats and interests abroad at our Embassies. He also guarded Secretary of State Colin Powell at one time, and met both President George W. Bush and former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. His friends described him as "a special person," and "the ultimate Marine."

He was an accomplished soldier whose awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon, the Marine Security Guard Ribbon and the National Service Defense Medal.

Mr. Speaker, my deepest sympathies go out to the family of Staff Sergeant Holder. He served his country honorably and with distinction in the War on Terror, making the ultimate sacrifice fighting for freedom and democracy in defense of a grateful Nation. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Americans owe him a great debt of gratitude. His dedication and bravery will not be forgotten.

IN HONOR OF GOLDIE MALONE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of my dear friend, Goldie Malone, as she is being honored by the Croatia Fraternal Union, (CFU) for her remarkable service to the Union, and for her outstanding and continued service to our community.

Born to Nicholas and Helen Strahinic in Cleveland, Ohio, Goldie learned the significance of family, faith community, heritage and hard work from an early age. While attending Jane Addams High School in Cleveland, Goldie worked at the White Dove Mattress Company. After high school graduation, she continued working at Dove Mattress for another 13 years. In 1952, Goldie married James Malone, and together they raised their daughter, Jamie, who now resides in Illinois. Beyond caring for her family, Goldie Malone has always reached out into the community, sharing her time and talents with those around her. She joined Zumberak Lodge nearly 60 years ago, and became Fraternal Secretary in October of 1953, a position she still holds today. Throughout the years, Goldie has consistently reflected a spark of energy and joy within every CFU project and event.

Ahead of her time, Goldie organized CFU's first Ladies Basketball Team in 1952—a divi-

sion of the CFU. The league still exists today. She has organized numerous youth basketball teams and projects, and initiated countless fundraisers in support of community youth activities. Her abilities as a leader were evidenced during her 8 year tenure as President of the Board of the CFU, and as the past President of the Ohio Fraternal Congress in the late seventies. Moreover, Goldie actively worked to preserve and promote the culture and history of Croatia. She directed her energies toward the youth of the CFU, so that they would gain a deep understanding and appreciation of their Croatia heritage. She led the efforts to raise funds for costumes, musical instruments and other materials reflective of their Eastern European homeland.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in tribute and recognition of Goldie Malone, as she is honored by the Croatia Fraternal Union for her outstanding dedication, clear vision, hard work and unequalled leadership within this historic organization. Goldie Malone continues to be an inspiration to everyone in her life—especially to her family and friends. Her loyalty, friendship, convictions, boundless energy and good works are invaluable gifts to all of us who know her well, and her dedication and work has uplifted the Croatia Fraternal Union, and has uplifted our entire Greater Cleveland community.

RECOGNIZING DAVID HITE FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize David Hite of Liberty, Missouri, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 388, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

David has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years David has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending David Hite for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN JACK QUINN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of the gentleman from New York, my colleague in the New York delegation JACK QUINN. After 12 years of distinguished service, JACK has chosen to leave the Chamber. But he can do so knowing that he was an effective and tireless representative for his constituents in the Buffalo area. JACK has successfully opened

and closed over 10,000 cases on behalf of the people in his district, which I believe speaks volumes about the type of care and concern he showed his constituents.

JACK is the only New York State Member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, and has been a vital resource for our veterans in New York and across the country. In April 1996, he was awarded the prestigious AMVETS Silver Helmet Award for his work on behalf of our Nation's veterans.

As chairman of the Railroads Subcommittee, JACK has been a strong and consistent voice in fighting hard for preserving Amtrak. Amtrak remains a critical part of our transportation infrastructure, especially in New York and along the Northeast corridor. JACK's leadership on this issue has greatly benefited all of us who rely on this important national passenger rail system. In fact, his commitment to this issue earned him the "Golden Spike Award" from the National Association of Railroad Passengers. Safety on railways is another key issue for Representative QUINN.

Mr. Speaker, JACK QUINN will be missed by his constituents as well as all of us who had the pleasure of working with him during the last 12 years. We wish you all of the best in the future.

A TRIBUTE TO MAGGIE KATIE BROWN KIDD

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Maggie Katie Brown Kidd, a loyal and loving wife and mother who has devoted her long and wonderfully blessed life to her family. Mrs. Kidd will be celebrating her 100th birthday with her family on November 26th in my congressional district.

Maggie was born on December 8, 1904 to Lucy and William "Doc" Brown of Stephens, Georgia; the eleventh of twelve children. William received the nickname "Doc" from his neighbors because of his reputation for helping anyone in need. His neighbors used to tell everyone to "go see Doc" if they were ever in trouble. Maggie began to develop a similar reputation as she grew up as she never hesitated from sharing whatever she had, even when she had little.

Lucy and Doc owned a farm in Stephens where the whole family was welcomed when they needed a place to live. Maggie continued this tradition when she took over the farm, offering a home to all of her relatives that needed one. She even helped raise her grandniece. The people who lived close to her farm knew her as a good neighbor. Her parents joined Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Stephens where Rosalyn worshipped and studied when she was a child. She still maintains a membership at the church today.

On November 30, 1940, Maggie married Willie Kidd. They had two children, Rosalyn and John and continued to work on her parent's farm. Maggie and Willie worked the farm until 1961, when she and Willie decreased the size of their farm and began gardening. Willie passed away in 1962 from complications due to diabetes. She lived on the same land until